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SUBJECT: PARAGUAYAN ACCESSION

REF: A. GENEVA 2188, B. ASUNCION 968

1. ACCORDING REF A PARAGUAY DESIRES BEGIN NEGOTIATE GATT
ACCESSION DURING MAY 18-28 PERIOD. WASHINGTON PRESENTLY
PREPARING U.S. REQUEST LIST. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
SUGGESTIONS RE COMMODITIES (BY TARIFF LINE ITEM) FOR
INCLUSION ON THIS LIST, PARTICULARLY PROJECTED DEVELOPMENT-
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ORIENTED GOODS. IN LIGHT CONDITIONS CITED REFTL B WOULD

LIKE ASUNCION VIEWS WHAT TARIFF RATE BINDINGS OR LEVEL OF REDUCTIONS BASIC DUTY RATES (EXCLUDING ADDITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY DUTIES) LIKELY HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS ON U.S. EXPORTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WHAT ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF ADDITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY DUTIES? IS EMBASSY AWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR TAXES OR OTHER NONTARIFF MEASURES MAINTAINED BY PARAGUAY WHICH COULD OR WOULD OBTAIN EFFECTS OF ANY TARIFF CONCESSIONS ACCORDED THE U.S., AND WHICH SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN NEGOTIATING WITH PARAGUAY?

2. A REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY REPORTS DISCLOSES THAT THE ONLY PARAGUAYAN TARIFFS SINGLED OUT AS

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO U.S. INDUSTRY ARE: RAZOR BLADES AND RAZORS (82.11), PENS, PENCILS, AND BALLPENS (98.03), AND BUTANE POCKET LIGHTERS (98.10). WHAT IS EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF TRADE POTENTIAL THESE ITEMS AND DESIRABILITY INCLUDING THEM ON U.S. REQUEST LIST?

3. MOST CURRENT PARAGUAYAN IMPORT-EXPORT STATISTICS DOCUMENT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON IS THE DECEMBER 1975 BOLETIN ESTADISTICO MENSUAL PUBLISHED BY CENTRAL BANK OF PARAGUAY WHICH CONTAINS AGGREGATED COMMODITY TOTALS AND, WHILE USEFUL, DOES NOT INDICATE APPLICABLE TARIFF HEADINGS AND DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO COMPILING A DETAILED REQUEST LIST. IF MORE DETAILED CURRENT TRADE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY IN A FORM ALLOWING READY TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. FOR GENEVA: WASHINGTON WILL ATTEMPT TO BE READY TO NEGOTIATE BY MAY 18. KISSINGER

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